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For: A MEMBRANE OR MATRIX FOR CONTROLLING THE PERMEATION RATE OF DRUGS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20 and 22 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

Claim 14, line 1, delete "or 11".

Claim 16, line 1, delete "any of Claims 10 -"; and
line 2, change "15" to --Claim 10--.

Claim 17, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 -"; and
line 2, change "16" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 20, line 1, delete "or 19".